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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

Note verbale dated 1 September 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire and has the honour to submit its national report on the implementation of measures decided by the Security Council in its resolutions 1572 (2004) and 1643 (2005) (see annex).



Annex to the note verbale dated 1 September 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

Report of Greece on the implementation of measures decided by the Security Council in its resolutions 1572 (2004) and 1643 (2005)

Greece and the other States members of the European Union (EU) have jointly implemented the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire imposed by Security Council resolutions 1572 (2004) and 1643 (2005) by taking the following common measures:

Council common position 2006/30/CFSP of 23 January 2006

The common position announces the commitment of the European Union to apply all the measures contained in Security Council resolutions 1572 (2004) and 1643 (2005) and provides the basis for certain specific measures of execution adopted by the Council of EU. Common position 2006/30/CFSP replaces common position 2004/852/CFSP, which imposed the measures contained in resolution 1572 (2004) and expired on 15 December 2005. More specifically, it renews the measures contained in common position 2004/852/CFSP and provides for the prohibition on the import of rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire imposed by resolution 1643 (2005).

Council decision 2006/172/CFSP of 27 February 2006

The Council decision implements common position 2004/852/CFSP and establishes, for the purposes of the visa ban, the list of three persons designated by the Côte d'Ivoire sanctions committee on 7 February 2006.

Council regulation (EC) No. 174/2005 of 31 January 2005, as amended by Commission regulation (EC) No. 1209/2005

The Council regulation implements in the European Community the restrictions on the supply of assistance related to military activities to Côte d'Ivoire as imposed by resolution 1572 (2004). The Commission regulation amends the list of competent authorities in member States to which the Council regulation assigns specific functions in the implementation of the Council regulation.

Council regulation (EC) No. 560/2005 of 12 April 2005, as amended by Commission regulation (EC) No. 250/2006

The Council regulation implements in the European Community the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons and entities designated by the United Nations sanctions committee and the prohibition on making funds or economic resources available to such persons or entities, with certain exemptions as provided for in resolution 1572 (2004). The Commission regulation amends the Council regulation by including the list of three persons designated by the Côte d'Ivoire sanctions committee on 7 February 2006 in annex I to the Council regulation.

Council regulation (EC) No. 2368/2002 of 20 December 2002

The prohibition on the import of all rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire, as imposed by resolution 1643 (2005), is being enforced in the European Community by virtue of Council regulation (EC) No. 2368/2002 of 20 December 2002, which implements the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) in the European Community. Given that no Kimberley Process certificates are being issued by Côte d'Ivoire and given that the Chair of the Kimberley Process has instructed participants in the KPCS not to accept any shipments of rough diamonds with certificates issued by the authorities of Côte d'Ivoire, no rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire can currently be imported into the European Community. Moreover, in implementation of the resolution adopted by KPCS participants meeting in plenary in Moscow in November 2005, the European Commission (which represents the European Community in KPCS) has requested the authorities of member States to report any imports of rough diamonds suspected of involving rough diamonds originating in Côte d'Ivoire and any cases of trade of rough diamonds within the European Community that are suspected of involving rough diamonds originating in Côte d'Ivoire. To date, there have been no confirmed cases in EU of import or trade involving rough diamonds originating in Côte d'Ivoire since the entry into force of regulation 2368/2002.

Council regulation (EC) No. 539/2001 of 15 March 2001

This regulation requires nationals of Côte d'Ivoire to be in possession of a visa when entering the European Union.

The above-mentioned Council regulations are binding in their entirety and directly applicable to all States members of the European Union.

In addition to these measures, Greece has incorporated the sanctions imposed by Security Council resolution 1572 (2004) into its national legislation through Presidential Decree 251/2005. In accordance with Law No. 92/1967, non-compliance with a presidential decree can be punished with up to five years of imprisonment and/or a fine.

For the implementation of resolution 1643 (2005), the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Greece has issued Ministerial Decision No. 145024/E3/25024/6.2.2006 (amending previous decision No. 175293/E3/25293/16.2.2005, which prohibited the sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related material to Côte d'Ivoire, by including the prohibition on the import of all rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire).

In accordance with Law No. 936/1979, non-compliance with ministerial decisions can be punished with up to three years of imprisonment and/or a fine.

Furthermore, the Merchant Marine Authorities of Greece have notified the commercial operators in order to prevent their involvement in the transportation of prohibited materials and equipment, in accordance with the provisions of resolutions 1572 (2004) and 1643 (2005).

The Ministry of Public Order of Greece has taken the executive measure of prohibiting the entry into the country of the three persons who were designated by the United Nations Côte d'Ivoire sanctions committee on 7 February 2006.